



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

El Centro Resource Area
1661 South 4th Street
El Centro, California 92243-4561

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(CA670)

November 18, 2004

Dear Reviewer:

Enclosed for your review is a proposed amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for the Adoption of the Flat-tailed Horned Lizard Rangeland Management Strategy, 2003 Revision, An Arizona-California Conservation Strategy (Strategy). Also enclosed is the associated Environmental Assessment and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact. The draft plan amendment will update the 1980 California Desert Conservation Area Plan for formally incorporating the Strategy into BLM's land use planning and formally adopting the management areas in Imperial County, California. The Bureau of Land Management prepared these documents in partial fulfillment of its responsibilities under the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973. (To gain the full management picture as the draft plan amendment applies to the California Desert Conservation Area, the reader is referred to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan)

The scope of the decision would apply only to federal lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management in Imperial County, California

The public was notified of this project through a notice in the Federal Register on June 21, 2004. The public was invited to provide comments on this project from June 21, 2004 through August 5, 2004. No comments were received by BLM. The proposed Plan Amendment, draft Finding of No Significant Impact, and the Environmental Assessment are presented here for your review.

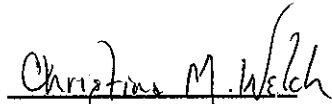
Written protests on the Proposed Plan Amendment will be accepted **if received by December 18, 2004 at the Washington DC Office.** Mailing address for filing a protest: Regular mail: Director (210), Attn: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035. Overnight mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Protest Coordinator (WO-210), 1620 "L" Street, NW, Room 1075, Washington, DC 20036

Please send a copy of the protest letter to: Gary Taylor, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243. If you require further information, please call Mr. Taylor at (760) 337-4422.

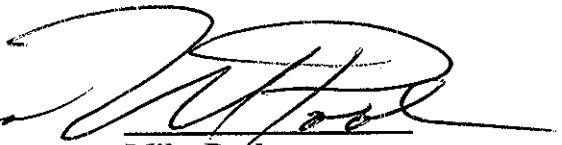
Final plan approval will be documented in a Decision Record. The Decision Record will be made available to the public and mailed to all interested parties.

Thank you for your participation in this project.

Sincerely,


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